

# A RANGE EXTENSION FOR THE DROSERACEAE

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A collection from Oaxaca is apparently the first occurrence of the family Droseraceae in Mexico.

## **Drosera sp.**

MEXICO: Oaxaca, District of Choapam, on clay bank along the road to El Arenal, San Juan Lalana, long.  $95^{\circ}45'$ , lat.  $17^{\circ}25'$ , alt. 550 m., May 9, 1939, *Schultes & Reko 836a* (Herb. Gray).

Although species of *Drosera* occur in nearly all parts of the world, the genus has not been reported from Mexico. It has apparently been represented in Central America by only two species, both from British Honduras: *Drosera brevifolia* Pursh and *Drosera capillaris* Poiret. *Schultes & Reko 836a* is a sterile collection but when keyed out on vegetative characters (Diels in Engler Pflanzenr. IV. 112 (Heft 26) (1906) 62), it is clearly referable to the subgenus *Rorella* DC.

Because this collection extends the *Droseraceae* to Mexico, and for purposes of comparison with collections which may later be made, the vegetative characters of *Schultes & Reko 836a* are described.

Plant a minute, scapose herb with a very short rootstock. Leaves more than twenty-five in number, prostrate, tufted at the base in a rosette 8–10 mm. across, spatulate, 3–5 mm. long, 2–2.5 mm. wide (0.5 mm. wide at the base), heavily clothed with reddish glandular pubescence, in life exuding glandular liquid. Scape slender, straight, glabrous, naked, at least 2 cm. long (broken in specimens at hand).